

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 23.

Silver is more talked about at the Capitol than the probability of a war with England, notwithstanding the generally recognized danger of the latter. The silver-men do not hesitate to charge that the opponents of free coinage obtained votes enough to make last week's fight a draw by methods that are dark, and they fear that the same tactics may defeat them upon the renewal of the fight this week; they also charge that some of those who are openly voting with them are secretly working against them, and that when the time comes to vote upon the passage of the bill these men will find some way to dodge a vote, not daring, for fear of the wrath of their constituents, to vote against the bill.

The Committee on Rules this morning took up Mr. Blain's proposition for the reporting of another special rule, bringing the bill before the House again and providing for the calling of the previous question immediately after its adoption by the House, and the shutting out of all filibustering motions. This rule will be reported, and then the fight will be fought to a finish. It is the general belief that many of the Republicans who upon the final vote will vote against the bill will vote for the adoption of this rule, but on the other hand it is claimed that some Democrats who are pledged to vote for the bill will vote against the adoption of the rule, hoping thus to postpone the question until the next session. It is going to be a very bitter contest, although it will probably be short, and, owing to the surprising result of last week's battle, neither side is inclined to do any boasting. The Republican leaders are counted upon by the anti-silver men to aid in defeating the bill.

The House Committee on Agriculture has decided to favorably report the Padlock Pure-Food Bill, which has already passed the Senate.

No legislative body in the world is more completely hedged around with dignity than the United States Senate; but Senators are just human enough in the fancied security of executive sessions to go off half-cocked, just as other people do at times of excitement, and the press is just enterprising enough to keep the public as well posted on the proceedings of the executive sessions as it does on the open sessions, which is very annoying to some of the Senators and amusing to others. A week ago the executive sessions were made exciting by the clamoring for the rejection of the arbitration treaty, but calm consideration has shown the Senators, just as it has the public, that there is a more dignified way out, and they have about decided to ratify the treaty, although some of them still favor amending it or otherwise trying to use it as a weapon of coercion. Then if the Government of Great Britain still persists in its refusal to aid in suppressing the seal poachers, this country may do so by force, knowing that its position must necessarily meet the approval of the great nations of the world. This does not indicate any backdown on the part of the Senators; on the contrary, they are almost unanimously in favor of this Government maintaining the position it has taken at all hazards. The treaty will probably be formally ratified this week.

President Harrison has by a special message to Congress given his official approval of the bill appropriating \$100,000 to help entertain the old soldiers who attend the G. A. R. encampment here next fall. The bill provides that half of the amount shall come out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Secretary Blaine attended the last Cabinet meeting, and has partially resumed his duties, but it is understood that he proposes taking a vacation as soon as some sort of a settlement is reached with Lord Salisbury.

It is said that President Harrison's supporters have tendered "Uncle Jerry" Rusk the second place on the ticket if he would agree to help them control the delegations of Wisconsin and some of the other agricultural States to the Minneapolis Convention, and that "Uncle Jerry" was non-committal in his answer to the proposition. His friends wish him to erect a Presidential lightning-rod of his own, but so far he seems inclined to stick to Mr. Harrison.

It is also again said, but denied by those who ought to know, that Mr. Harrison will not be a candidate before the National Convention, unless he can be assured in advance of being nominated without a contest.

The House devoted Saturday afternoon to hearing eulogies to the memory of the late Representative Spinoia of New York. Senator Hill has gone to Albany, and the political gossip, who say the trip was unexpectedly and hurriedly made, are puzzling their brains to discover why he went.

List of Patents.

Granted to New Jersey inventors this week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and Foreign Patents, opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.: F. A. Anthony, Hackensack, photographic-shutter; A. Butterfield, Trenton, apparatus for marbling paper, glass, etc.; L. D. Copeland, Camden, hydrocarbon burner; L. E. A. Dumont, Newark, metal chain or ornament; G. Duray, Orange, dredging machine; J. Farfall, Hunksville, holsting-tackle; T. Foy,

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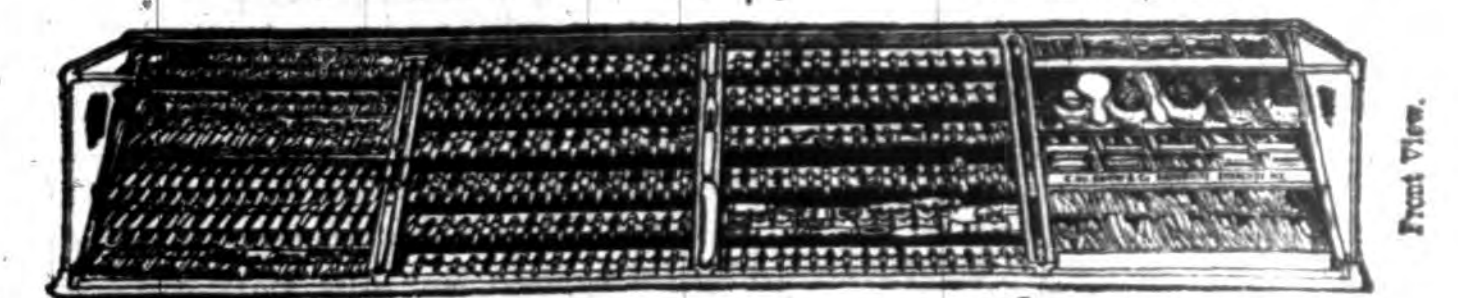
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